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port director of the Soviet DDSG in Vienna, Kuroshin, was replaced by Kozensky (fnu).
2. As of 6 May, no replacement had arrived for Kuroshin, the chief bookkeeper of the Soviet DDSG who had left for the Soviet Union in February.
3. On about 25 April, Kuroshin (fnu) replaced Kissiliev (fnu)¹ as Soviet director of the Korneuburg Shipyards.
4. During May 1955, Kuroshin (fnu), a high official in the Soviet Inland Shipping Outside the USSR, was assigned to Budapest. Since his rank is out of proportion to the duties presently performed by the SDCP in Budapest, it is believed that the SDCP will transfer the major part of the activities handled by the Vienna agency to Budapest.
5. Plans Concerning the Return of Soviet DDSG. Austrian officials of the Soviet DDSG believe that this firm will be turned over to the Austrian DDSG in October or November 1955. In addition to all the barges and tankers now held by the Soviet DDSG, the Austrians allegedly will receive the MS VLADIVOSTOCK and the MS KRONSTADT. Instead of the MS KAUKASUS, the Soviet DDSG has offered to turn over the MS RIGA, which was recently completed by the Korneuburg Shipyards at a reported cost of 9,300,000 schillings.² On 16 May, an inspection party of Austrian DDSG officials was taken aboard the MS RIGA at Korneuburg. The future disposition of the passenger ship ~~TRILISI~~, ~~operated~~ by Navrom, and the MS MORJAK, which is claimed by Mahart as former ~~MS RIGA~~, is still under negotiation.
6. During May, Austrian seamen employed by the Vienna agency of the SDCP received termination notices effective after the ratification of the Austrian State Treaty. The Vienna agency is expected to retain only a skeleton staff. SDCP vessels coming to Lobau to pick up the Soviet share of the Austrian oil production will take on fuel and supplies in Hungary or Czechoslovakia, and the crews will allegedly receive no shore leave in Vienna.

Comment: Kissiliev's name was possibly spelled Giselev.

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1. Soviet Personnel Changes in Danube Shipping Concerns. In early April 1955, the Soviet port director of the Soviet DDSG in Vienna, Kurotskin (fnu), was replaced by Kamensky (fnu).
2. As of 6 May, no replacement had arrived for Shilov (fnu), the chief bookkeeper of the Soviet DDSG who had left for the Soviet Union in February.
3. On about 25 April, Melnikov (fnu) replaced Kissiliev (fnu)¹ as Soviet director of the Korneuburg Shipyards.
4. During May 1955, Kuprianov (fnu), a high official in the Soviet Ministry of Inland Shipping Outside the USSR, was assigned to Budapest as chief of the SDGP agency. Since his rank is out of proportion to the duties presently performed by the SDGP in Budapest, it is believed that the SDGP will transfer the major part of the activities handled by the Vienna agency to Budapest.
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6. During May, Austrian seamen employed by the Vienna agency of the SDGP received termination notices effective after the ratification of the Austrian State Treaty. The Vienna agency is expected to retain only a skeleton staff. SDGP vessels coming to Lobau to pick up the Soviet share of the Austrian oil production will take on fuel and supplies in Hungary or Czechoslovakia, and the crews will allegedly receive no shore leave in Vienna.

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2 ☐ Comment. On 2 May, the MS RIGA made her first downriver trip. She was to be used initially as a shuttle vessel between Vienna and Hungary.

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